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Application Number	10/670,143
Filing Date	24 september 2003
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Machine and method for bunching plant stems*(Title of the Invention)*

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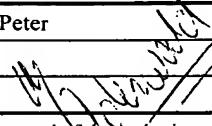
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